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To The Embassador of Australia
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Melle, 24/02/1991

Your Excellency,

We learned that the Australian government refused to negociate between the representatives of the Maubere people of East Timor and the invading regime of Indonesia which occupies East Timor since 1975. We are disenchanted by this decision of February 10th 1991.

We regret that the Australian government collaborates with the Indonesian regime to plunder the natural resources of the Maubere people of East Timor. We use the term "plunder" because this is the exact word for exploiting a nation's riches while she makes no profit of it. This is what happens by the exploitation of the oil and gaz reserves in the Timor Gap.

We learned as well that the Australian government accepts the annexation of East Timor by the Indonesian regime, an attitude in contrast with the policy of the UNO, which doesn't accept this violation of international law and tries to negociate between the agressor and the legaly sovereignty having government which started the decolonisation process in 1974.

We regret the sharp contrast between the just condemnation of the Iraqi military annexation of Kuweit by the Australian government and her hypocrit acceptation of the Indonesian military annexation of East Timor which caused the death of estimated 200.000 Maubere people and the suffering by the Maubere people of an Indonesian starvation policy during 15 years. We condemn this coward attitude.

Finally we condemn the attack of the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Evans, upon the courageous resistance of the Maubere people against the Indonesian occupation forces.

Sincerely Yours,

for KWIA,

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